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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR SHANMUKHAM CHETTY, K. C. I. E.,) in the Chair.

Messrs. H. J. Walmesley, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, K. R. Ramakrishnan and T. K. Nayar were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

EYYAL VILLAGE—NEED FOR A WELL

236. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have received a petition, dated 28th Edavam 1115 from Mr. Kampurath Madhavan Nair and others of Eyyal village (addressed to the Director of Public Health & Panchayats) requesting to sink a well for the use of the people of that village ;

(*b*) whether the Panchayat Department has sunk any well in Eyyal during the last 10 years ;

(*c*) what action has been taken in the matter referred to in (*a*)?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Please see answer to (*a*).

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* As a matter of fact there was a petition like that and it was returned to the senders being unstamped. I want to know whether petitions submitted by a large number of villagers for public amenities should be stamped.

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* There are certain rules guiding the procedure in such cases and I do not think this petition had fulfilled those conditions. Even in the case of mass petitions, I think, there is some rule.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* So far as I know there is no definiteness in this matter. According to the Stamp Act every petition presented to the Head of a Department has to be affixed with an eight annas stamp. Even petitions not stamped are considered by Heads of Departments. I want a definite ruling in this matter.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I have to follow the rules laid down for guidance in these matters. Once you begin to take these petitions into consideration, then, there will be no limit for them.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* There is an idea prevailing among the villagers that if a petition is sent by many people, it is not necessary to stamp it. I want to know from the Law Member whether there is any such rule.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* There is no such provision. But, as a matter of fact, some Heads of Departments used to take action on these petitions even though they are not stamped. Under Schedule II to the Court Fees Act, all petitions should be properly stamped.

VALLARPADAM AND PANAMBUKAD—INADEQUACY OF COMMUNICATION

237. മിസ്റ്റർ എം. നാണു മേനോൻ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) വല്ലാർപാടം പനമ്പുകാട്ട് ദേശത്ത് ഗതാഗതയോഗ്യമായ റോഡുകൾ ഇല്ലെന്നുള്ള സംഗതി ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ആ കാര്യത്തിൽ വേണ്ടതടപടി നടത്തുവാൻ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനു ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

ഡോക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ:

(എ) ഉണ്ടു്.

(ബി) നടപടി നടത്തിയതിൽ പണിക്കു വലിയ സംഖ്യവേണ്ടിവരുമെന്നു കണ്ടിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ആയതു് തല്ക്കാലം നിറുത്തിവെപ്പിനെതരമുള്ളു. ഈപണി രണ്ടാമതും എടുക്കുവാൻതരമുണ്ടോ എന്നു് ആലോചിച്ചു വരുന്നുണ്ടു്.

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